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Another Hit-and-run Raid On Calcutta

"A Few Bombs Dropped: Casualties Extremely Light"

CALCUTTA, December 22.

Calcutta had a short alert early this morning, the second on two successive nights.

Only a few bombs were dropped in Calcutta's second raid this morning, which was an even smaller affair than the previous night.

Less than half a dozen enemy planes participated in this morning's hit-and-run raid, in which a few bombs were dropped on only one locality. Nothing of importance was hit.

RAIDERS CHASED

Casualties in this morning's enemy air raid on Calcutta are so far known to be extremely light. Only a few bombs were dropped, and damage was negligible.

Our fighters were in action, and the raiders were soon chased away. The alert lasted about 45 minutes.

One A. R. P. personnel had his steel helmet pierced by sharpnel, but escaped uninjured.

The A. R. P. again had only a small job to tackle but they carried it out well.

There was considerable movement of cars and motor-bicycles, but as soon as the alert went, A. R. P., police and others rushed to duty stations. But when an Associated Press Correspondent made a tour by car, the city was mostly calmly asleep.

TRIBUTE TO CIVIL DEFENCE WORKERS

The Hon. Mr. Santosh Kumar Basu, Minister, Civil Defence coordination, who has just returned from Chittagong, in the course of a statement to the 'United Press' regarding the first Japanese air raid on Calcutta feels confident that the high level of efficiency and devotion to duty which he witnessed amongst the Civil Defence workers at Chittagong will be fully maintained by their compatriots in Calcutta.

The organisation in the City is being put to test and the Minister has no doubt that it will come out successful.

Mr. Basu appeals for courage and fortitude which, he is sure, will be forthcoming in abundant measure.

"A Nuisance Raid"

Calcutta's first air raid is the subject of editorial comments in Calcutta newspapers to-day.

Writing under the caption "Calcutta takes it" the "Amrita Bazar Patrika" says that Sunday night's raid should give no cause for panic far less for consternation. "We have reasons to believe that it was a nuisance raid and that the Japanese are not in position for the time being to organise raids of a more destructive character (xxx). That, however, is no reason why the people of Calcutta and suburbs or in other danger zones should treat this raid lightheartedly. There is need for vigilance and precaution."

THEY TOOK IT EASY

The "Hindusthan Standard says that it would not be wide of the mark to say that Calcutta took the first raid easy. Inhabitants of areas which were bombed kept calm and cool and casualties are reported to be very small. The journal adds "we have no doubt that the city is fully protected but in case there are people who might give way to panic, a timely assurance might prove valuable. xx For the time being Calcutta must remain at her post. Only that part of the population which is quite redundant to her needs—and by needs we mean not only the needs of business and office work but also the needs of the home and family—may be invited to move out and relieve the city's congestion which is likely to add to the difficulties of rescue and relief."

"BEST OUTSIDE BRITAIN"

The "Statesman" says that Sunday night's raid was a small affair and was a reminder both of the strength of the city's defences and of the fact that however good defences are, raiders will come through. "Some who can speak with authority regard the defences of Calcutta as the best outside Britain. However this may be the Japanese evidently have sufficient respect for them to come at night and flying high."

R. A. F. Attack On Akyab Area

NEW DELHI, December 22.

Yesterday December 21, a formation of R. A. F. fighters made a low level cannon and machine-gun attack on enemy objectives in the Akyab area, says an India Command joint war communique.

Despite heavy anti-aircraft fire our fighters inflicted damage on Akyab aerodrome, anti-aircraft gun posts and a good size river steamer in Fatyogya creek. Other fighters on offensive patrol encountered a Japanese aircraft off the Arakan coast and shot it down in flames into the sea.

From these operations two of our aircraft are missing.

Lashio Bombed

CHUNGKING, December 22.

A communique from the United States Headquarters today said:—"Lashio was heavily bombed on December 20, hits being scored on warehouses and airfield runways which were badly damaged. Secondary explosions and many fires were observed in the target area. Escorting fighters strafed trucks on the road south of Tenchung destroying two and damaging a third. There was no enemy interception and heavy anti-aircraft fire was ineffective. All planes returned safely."—Reuter.

Jap New Drive Into W. China Checked

CHUNGKING:—Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek's general forces have checked Japan's new drive into Western China from Burma, tonight's Chinese war communique indicated. Two Japanese forces crossed Nanlei and Taping Rivers, tributaries of the great Mekong which runs through Yunnan close to the Burma frontier. The first has been pinned against the east bank. The other was thrown back across the river by Chinese counter-attack, about 100 Japanese troops being drowned.

Roosevelt Cancels Press Conference

WASHINGTON, December 22.

President Roosevelt's Press Conference this afternoon has been cancelled.

No reason was given.—Reuter.

Rommel's Forces Arrive In Misurata

BR. BOMBERS OVER MUNICH

LONDON, December 22.

The R.A.F bombed Munich last night. Large fires were started by the great weight of bombs. Twelve of the attacking planes are missing.

LONDON:—The German radio announced that British bombers were over southern Germany during the late hours of Monday evening.

ALERTS IN SWISS TOWNS

LONDON:—Air raid alerts were sounded in Zurich, Basle and other Swiss towns late on Monday night. British bombers which raided Duisburg on Sunday night left many fires burning. The German communique said that damage was considerable.

LONDON:—R. A. F. bombers were moving out across the channel for 45 minutes late on Monday night towards the French coast.

44 ENEMY FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN

A communique from the Eighth United States' Air Force reads: The number of enemy fighter planes shot down in the Sunday raid by the United States' Air Force over Romilly Sur Seine was announced tonight by Headquarters Eighth Air Force to total 44. Of this number six were seen to crash. 23 went down in flames, 14 disintegrated in the air and one plane was abandoned by its pilot.—Reuter.

Spanish-Portuguese Agreement

LISBON, December 22.

There was complete agreement in viewpoints in the Spanish-Portuguese conversations on the International situation, says an official statement issued on the eve of the departure of the Spanish Foreign Minister Count Jordana for Madrid where he will report to the Government of his Lisbon Mission and the treaty of friendship and non-Aggression concluded between the two countries during his visit.—Reuter.

Axis Counter-Attacks Fail

LONDON, Dec. 22.

AMERICAN CONTROLLED MOROCCO RADIO SAID TO-DAY "GENERAL MONTGOMERY IS FIVE MILES BEYOND SULTAN.

IT IS CONFIRMED THAT ROMMEL'S FORCES HAVE ARRIVED IN MISURATA."

Allied Headquarters, North Africa:—A "communique" from the French General Headquarters states "in the region south and south-east of Pont Du Fahs, positions were taken despite Axis resistance and a number of prisoners captured. In Kairouan region, Axis counter-attacks on positions that we had captured yesterday have all, failed under our fire. The enemy left numerous prisoners in our hands". General Giraud has announced the formation of a special unit in French North African army to be known as the "African Front Corps." The British Eighth Army pursuing the Africa Corps have now reached a point five miles west of Sultan.

SURPRISE ATTACK ON ENEMY

CAIRO: To-day's Middle East Joint War 'communique' states "throughout yesterday patrols of our advancing forces continued their activity. A successful surprise attack on the enemy landing ground at Homs 150 miles inland from the Gulf of Sirte, was carried out yesterday by our fighters.

11 ENEMY PLANES SHOT DOWN

Of the 11 aircraft seen on the ground, seven were totally destroyed and others damaged. Large fires were started in Tunis and Lagoulette when our bombers raided these ports on the night of December 20. A single Junker's One flying south towards the coast of Tripolitania yesterday was shot down by our longrange fighters, Three of our aircraft did not return from the above operations."—Reuter.

AIR ATTACK ON KISKA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.

A heavy air attack on Japanese-occupied Kiska in the Aleutian Islands on Sunday is reported in a navy department communique. A Japanese cargo ship was damaged in the Buin area of the Solomons yesterday.

Flying fortresses are continuing Allied air attacks on Munda. The shore installations and submarine base were damaged in the Kiska raid.—Reuter.

ALLIES ADVANCE IN BUNA MISSION AREA

SYDNEY, Dec. 22.

In an attack on Cape Endaiadere, Allied troops captured in air strip which the Japanese built some months ago but never used. Tanks against which the Japanese could only bring flame-throwers, preceded the infantry in the attack, and the Japanese were thrust back a thousand yards west along the coast towards Buna.

Australians and Americans are pushing towards the Buna Mission Area where the Japanese are protected by fortifications which they spent months preparing. Allied gains have not been made cheaply. There have been casualties among both forces.—Reuter.

"SOVIET ALLY" RECOGNISED!

LONDON, Dec. 22.

The announcement of M. Stalin's 63rd birthday in the Court Circular column of the "London Times" yesterday "destroys the last insular barricade against wholehearted recognition of our Soviet ally", said A. J. Cummings in the "News Chronicle" to-day.

Cummings, who pointed out that the announcement was given above the item about the Duchess of Kent, added that 20 years of Anglo-Soviet treaty was thus "clinched and ratified."

Radical Party Conference

LUCKNOW, Dec. 22

Over 500 delegates from all over the country are expected to attend the forthcoming All-India Radical Democratic Party Conference to be held at Lucknow during Christmas. A meeting of the outgoing Central Executive will be held on December 23 and that of the new Central Executive on December 28. The delegates' conference will be held on December 25, 26 and 27.—United Press.

Mahasabha Committee Meeting

LUCKNOW, December 22: The "United Press" understands that the meeting of the Special Committee appointed by the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha will meet in the D. A. V. College, Cawnpore on December 27.

The "United Press" further understands that the meeting of the Working Committee will be held on December 28 at the same place. —United Press.

BOMBAY LEAGUE EXECUTIVE MEETING

A meeting of the Working Committee of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League will be held today (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the office of the Bombay Provincial Muslim League, Sahru Castle, Mohamed Ali Road —Orient Press.

Soviet Forces Capture Millerovo

Hopes Of Early Liberation Of Stalingrad

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

MOSCOW, December 22.

Squeezed inside the jaws of the enormous pincers on the Soviet Corridor, the Axis forces are unable to extricate themselves and face the inevitable—Surrender or extermination.

No single gap has been left in the inner semi-circle circumscribing Stalingrad either for escape or for rushing in relief.

THE SOVIET COMMANDER OF THE TWENTY-FIRST ARMY TOLD ME "THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF WHAT IS PROBABLY THE MOST DECISIVE BATTLE OF THE WAR IS MERELY A QUESTION OF TIME. UNLESS THERE BE SOME UNFORESEEN CHANGE OF FORTUNE, THE LIBERATION OF STALINGRAD MAY BE EXPECTED BEFORE LONG. REGARDING STALINGRAD OFFENSIVE, RUSSIAN OFFICERS TOLD ME THAT THEY CARRIED OUT TO VICTORY THE PLAN WORKED OUT BY STALIN PERSONALLY.

NAZIS 'SCORCH' IN RETREAT

Hitler racing up fresh reserves from behind the battlefront has hurled them into furious counter-attacks in a big effort to stop the German rot in the Middle Don battle. The Red Army's powerful blows are growing more effective. The Germans, according to their usual practice, are now "scorching" towns and villages in the line of their big retreat. The German army is rolling back to the west and southwest, but in some sectors enemy forces are attempting to create "islands of resistance." These are being "steam rollered," blocked or by-passed by powerful Soviet formations now applying new methods based on their experience in their campaign last winter.

Describing the capture of one town a frontline despatch to-day said, the place was surrounded by many natural defensive obstacles fortified by the Germans. All houses were converted into forts with the addition of numerous concrete pill-boxes. Russian guns completely wiped out German defences and Soviet infantry then stormed their way into the place capturing a hundred machine-guns, 60 trench mortars, 20 guns, four munition dumps and other booty.

It seems heavy odds on that the important inhabited centre reported captured by the Russians in their latest communique is Millerovo, writes Reuter's military correspondent commenting on to-day's news from the Russian front. Two days ago both prongs of the Russian offensive advancing from the north and north-east upon Millerovo were reported to be about 18 miles from the town. Since then, one of the thrusts had advanced 16 miles by yesterday, so that the likelihood of Millerovo being in the bag is very great. It is characteristic of Russian caution not to mention places until the capture of consolidated. Millerovo is a very important junction with two lines running south and south-west to Donetz which is only about 20 miles distant. It is probable that a fairly big group of Axis forces had been surrounded although Russian accounts of fighting to date seem to suggest that the enemy has been showing some signs of panic and been abandoning not only positions but equipment. Consequently, the numbers surrounded may not be so great as at Stalingrad or Rzhev, but on the other hand, the hurried flight of vanquished troops will spread far behind, and greatly impede the German efforts to stem the Russian offensive which is beginning to get perilously near the main communications with the Caucasus. The fate of Hoth's armies would appear to be sealed by the latest Russian success.

SOVIET ADVANCE CONTINUES

MOSCOW, Dec. 22.

A dispatch from the Middle Don front to the army, the newspaper "Red Star" to-day said "Soviet tanks and infantry continue their successful advance ceaselessly pursuing the enemy who is retreating to the south-west and west." Soviet aircraft are playing a big part in the offensive. The Luftwaffe is also active in support of the local counter-attacks which according to the "Red Star," are powerless to hold up the Russians. —Reuter.

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HIT & RUN RAIDERS OVER BRITAIN

LONDON, Dec. 22.

Hit-and-run raiders operating singly under cover of low-cloud attacked several towns and villages in England to-day. Two were shot down. Six were killed and five seriously injured when explosives and incendiaries destroyed a school in an east Anglia town.—Reuter.

TWO ACCUSED PERSONS SHOT DEAD

MADURA, Dec. 22.

Two accused persons wanted in connection with the looting of the police station and the Sub-Treasury in Thiruvadanai, Ramnad District were shot dead in self-defence by the police in an encounter in the early hours of yesterday near Lakshmipura forest, Ramnad District border.—A.P.

Bombay Editors' Pledge

Horniman Hails A. I. N. E. Decision As Right Lead

BOMBAY, December 22.

CORDIAL SUPPORT WAS EXTENDED TO THE RESOLUTION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE ALL-INDIA NEWSPAPER EDITORS CONFERENCE, WHEN THE ADJOURNED MEETING OF BOMBAY EDITORS RESUMED ITS SITTING ON TUESDAY AT 5-30 P.M AT THE JOURNALISTS' ASSOCIATION.

MR. B. G. HORNIMAN WHO PRESIDED WELCOMED THE RESOLUTION OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE AS A RIGHT LEAD AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NEWSPAPERS IN BOMBAY WOULD LOYALLY CARRY OUT THE RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was then unanimously passed:—

"This meeting of the Editors of Bombay City and Province cordially supports the resolution of the Standing Committee of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference passed on December 21, 1942 calling for the suspension of all newspapers on a date to be fixed hereafter by the President and recommending to the editors of all newspapers not to publish matter under the heads set out in the resolution.

"The members of this meeting pledge themselves loyally to abide by the terms of the said resolution and urge all newspapers in the City and Province to co-operate in immediately carrying it into effect."—United Press.

Reply To Dr. Naidu's Request For Passport

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

In reply to Dr. P. Varadarajalu Naidu's request for passport to England, the Government of India (External Affairs Department) have informed Dr. Naidu "to say that since no request has been made by Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar for facilities to enable him to proceed to England, the situation referred to by Dr Naidu in his letter does not arise."—United Press.

VICEROY MUST TAKE INITIATIVE

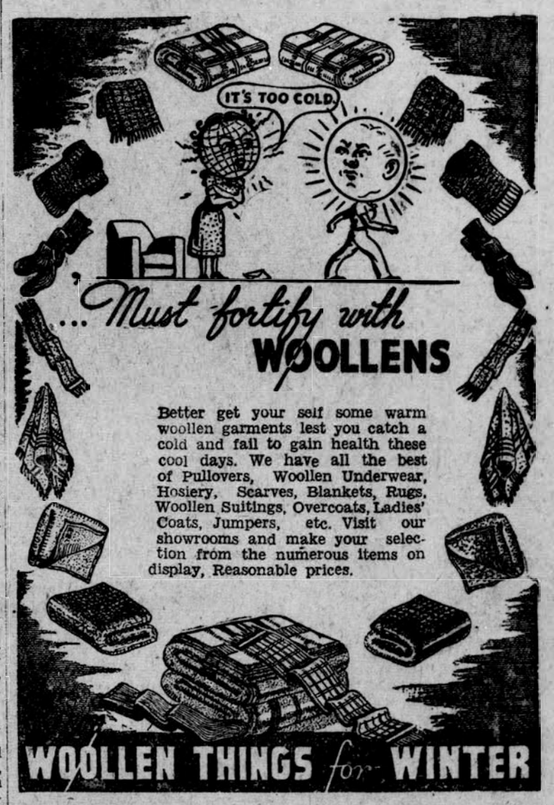
Dr. Naidu's Appeal

MADRAS, Dec. 22.

In a statement to the "United Press" Dr. P. Varadarajalu Naidu, the Vice-President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, welcomes the Viceroy's last speech at Calcutta.

"I am glad," Dr. Naidu says, "to note in the Viceroy's speech at Calcutta one point on which all right-thinking men are agreed. For the first time, the Viceroy has laid emphasis on the need of the integrity and geographical unity of India. I am glad, Lord Linlithgow is anxious that India should speak with one voice in world politics. So far, the Viceroy has never said openly or privately anything in favour of Pakistan or territorial division of India on communal or religious basis.

"I am aware of the mutual goodwill between Gandhiji and Lord Linlithgow, and so I request him to take the initiative to resolve the present deadlock and have an emergency National Government at the Centre and in the Provinces without further delay."—United Press.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1. To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September, 1942.
2. To declare a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in place of Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, Kt., C.I.E., M.B.E., and Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, K.C.S.I., who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 28th December, 1942 to Thursday, the 14th January, 1943, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
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Bombay, 10th December, 1942.

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OWNERS of Motor Vehicles residing in the Bombay Region are informed that the third quarter of the tax period ends on 31-12-42. Those who have paid tax upto 31-12-1942 only should pay or remit now to the Motor Vehicles and Taxation Department Gymnasium Road, Off Cruickshank Road, Bombay, further tax for the last quarter ending 31-3-1943, so that it may be credited on or before 15-1-1943. Payments will be accepted on any working day between 10-30 a.m. and 2-30 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10-30 a.m and 12-30 p.m.

Cheques should only be drawn in favour of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, M. V. and Taxation, Bombay, or the Executive Officer, Regional Transport Authority, Bombay. Where tax is paid by cheque, the tax-tokens and registration certificates will be issued only after the cheques are encashed by the Bank. Any delay in payment of tax due to any irregularity or otherwise will render the owner or the person in possession of the vehicle liable to a penalty. Third-party cheques will not be accepted.

Owners of motor vehicles bearing extra-Provincial or State numbers should note that the 15 days grace period does not apply to them and that the tax due should be paid on or before the expiry of the tokens issued to them or they should immediately report arrival of such vehicles owned by them and use the vehicles after obtaining current tokens.

Motor owners are further informed that under Rule 26 of the Bombay Motor Vehicles Tax Rules, 1940, non-use intimation should be sent so as to reach this office on or before 31-12-42, the date of expiry of the tax-tokens.

(Sd.) E. SHEEHY,
Dy. Commissioner of Police,
M. V. & Taxation, Bombay.
M. V. & Taxation Office,
Gymnasium Road, Off
Cruickshank Road, Bombay.

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Public Notices

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(2800)

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(Sd.) H. M. SHAH,
Managing Director.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that YUSUF HAJI MOOSA has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client free from all encumbrances.

ALL PERSONS having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes and to the undersigned at their office at Ali Chambers, Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay within 14 (fourteen) days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of land of Quit and Ground Rent tenure (the cess whereof has since been redeemed) with the messuage, tenements and dwelling house standing thereon situate lying and being at Bapu Khote Street in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and admeasuring 106 5/9 square yards of thereabouts and Registered in the Books of the Collector of Land Revenue under Old No. 1004, New No. 8188, Old Survey No. 1970 New Survey No. 1212 and Cadastral Survey No. 2721 of Bhuleshwar Division and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under 'C' Ward No. 5922 Street No. 141 and bounded as follows that is to say:—On or towards the East by Sweepers' passage, on or towards the West by Bapu Khote Street aforesaid, on or towards the North by the property of Vandravandas Vrajlal and on or towards the South by the property of Vohra Kayamally Tayebally.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

HOSSEINI DOCTOR & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Bai CHANDAN, wife of Damoder Tribhowandas Kapadia has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client. Any person having any claim or interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, trust, lien, possession, gift, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Wadia Building, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, and to the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece of leasehold land, situate on and being Plot No. 129 (north) of the Dadar Matunga Estate of the Municipal Corporation of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 631 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under New Survey No. 818 (part) and Cadastral Survey No. 335/10 of the Matunga Division together with the dwelling house and all buildings standing thereon and bounded on the East by Bhau Daji Road on the West by Municipal land laid out as a play-ground on the North by Plot No. 130 of the said Estate and on the South by Plot No. 128 of the said Estate and which premises are assessed under F Ward No. 7883 (5) and Street No. 1450 C.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

MULLA & MULLA.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Public Notices

G. I. P. RLY. Rate Circulars

A NEW RATE CIRCULAR viz., Special Rate Circular No. 6 (Coaching) of 1942 has been issued.

Particulars may be obtained from the Chief Traffic Manager, Bombay, or stations.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Messrs KRISHNANATH VISHWANATH SAWE, RAMKRISHNA VISHWANATH SAWE, JAYANT VISHWANATH SAWE, PADMANABH VISHWANATH SAWE, RAMDUTT VISHWANATH SAWE and LAXMIKANT VISHWANATH SAWE, all of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell to our client Mr. VAMAN SHRIDHAR APTE the property described in the Schedule hereunder written.

All persons having any claim or right either by way of mortgage, charge, sale, exchange, trust, inheritance and succession, gift, lease, lien, agreement, possession, maintenance, residence, attachment, easement, or otherwise howsoever, in to or upon the said property or any part thereof are hereby required to give notice thereof in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 14 Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof otherwise, the purchase shall be completed without reference to any such claim or right and the same shall be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:

All those pieces or parcels of land and ground of the Pension and Tax Tenure (the cess whereof is redeemed), admeasuring according to the Cadastral Survey Extract 3567 square yards but according to valuation Report of the Vendors' Architect 3200.77 square yards, situate at Fanaswadi Street known as Jagannatha's Chawls in the City and Island and Registration Sub-District of Bombay and Registered in the Books of the Collector of land Revenue under Old No. 148, New Nos. 1342, 1345, 1347 and 1348, Old Survey No. 335, Laughton's Survey No. 336 (part) and Cadastral Survey Nos. 2006, 2037 and 2038 of Bhuleshwar Division with the messuages tenements and buildings, sheds and structures standing thereon assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Rates and Taxes Bombay Municipality under C Ward Nos. 4676-77, 4678, 4679-80, 4681-82, 4683 to 4690, 4691-4695, 4692-4693, 4702 and 4703 and Old Street Nos 2-10, 11-21, 58-60, 62-68 and New Street Nos. 126B, 126E, 126D, 126G, 126C, 126F, 114E, 114A, 114G, 114D, 114C, 114A, 114B, 114A.118C/122 and 110 C/114 and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by the Property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 2039 belonging to Anandrao Dinanath Sawe, on or towards the South by Property bearing C S. No. 2007 belonging to Narayanrao Shivanarayan and others, on or towards the East partly by Fanaswadi Street and partly by properties bearing C. S. Nos 2035 and 2036 belonging to the Marwadi Sammelan of Bombay and Baldeo Shivnarayan respectively and on or towards the West partly by Property bearing Cadastral Survey No. 2005 belonging to Rangildas Lallubhai and partly by Zaoba's oart.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1942.

DIVEKAR & CO.,
Purcharser's Attorneys.

(2796)

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MANEKJI RUSTOMJI PATEL, of Bombay Parsi Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients.

All persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Hamam House, Hamam Street, Fort, Bombay within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece of land known as Plot No. 130 in Block II of the Back Bay Reclamation Estate of the Government of Bombay within the City and Registration Sub-District of Bombay with the messuages tenements and dwelling house standing thereon situate, lying and being at Queen's Road, containing by admeasurement 1633 [One thousand six hndred and thirty-three] square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Bombay under Rent Roll No. 10004 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1548 of Fort Division and in the Books of the Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under A Ward No. 1315(7) and Street No. 150 and A Ward No. 1315 (7A), Street No. 150A and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North by Plot No. 129 of the same estate, on or towards the South by Plot No. 131 of the same estate, on or towards the East by Queen's Road and on or towards the West by Government land.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

AMIN DESAI & NANAVATI.
Purchasers' Attorneys.

2811.

Legal Notices

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that GAJANAN VINAYAK JAYAKAR and MOTIRAM VINAYAK JAYAKAR, both of Bombay Hindu Inhabitants have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

ALL persons having any claim against or to the said property by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift lease lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Alli Chambers Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL that piece or parcel of Freehold land together with the messuages and tenements standing thereon and known as ROCK VIEW situate at Raghavji Road without the Fort of Bombay in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 477.3 square yards or thereabouts and forming part of a larger piece of land, admeasuring 817 square yards and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 22A/644 part of Malbar Hill and Cumballa Hill Division Collector's Old Nos 406 and 442, New Nos. A/2290 and A/2319, Old Survey No. 58, New Survey No. 1/7066 and bounded as follows: on or towards the East by the said Raghavji Road on or towards the West by the property of Sir Dossabhai Bhiwandiwalla, on or towards the North by the property of K L. Anand and on or towards the South by the property of Goverdhandas Mangoomal and assessed by the Bombay Municipality under D Ward No. 3393 (1) E and Street No. 7.

Dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

THAKOREDAS DARU HEMANY & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

2801.

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. FIDAHUSEIN LOOKMANJI, of Bombay Muslim Inhabitant has contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our client.

Any person or persons having any claim, right, title, and interest in or to the said property by way of sale, mortgage, exchange, charge, trust, lien, possession, maintenance, gift, inheritance, lease, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 36 Tamarind Lane, Fort, Bombay, within FOURTEEN DAYS from the date hereof otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THAT piece of Government ground (now redeemed) together with dwelling house standing thereon, situate on the east side of Baba Dhabu Street in the registration Sub-District of Bombay and Registered under No. 2633 under Collector's New No. 9644 and assessed under No. 69 New Survey No. 4599 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 3605 of Bhuleshwar Division under Municipal C Ward No. 6862 and New Street Nos. 159-161, admeasuring about 100 square yards and bounded as follows:— that is to say, on the North by the property of Salebhai Lukmanji, on the South by the property of Rajbhai Sulemanji, on the West by the Baba Dhabu Street and on the East by the Sweepers passage.

Bombay dated this 22nd day of December, 1942.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. MANCHERJI PALLONJI CONTRACTOR and Bai SOONABAI HORMUSJI GAZDAR, the Trustees of an Indenture of Settlement, dated the 15th day of October, 1929, have contracted to sell the property hereinafter described to our clients. All persons having any claims or demands against or to the property either by way of mortgage, gift, sale, use, trust, possession, inheritance, lease or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at Jehangir Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the purchase will be completed without reference to any such claim or demand and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY.

All that piece or parcel of land being Plot No. 7 of Parel Road South Estate held on lease from the Bombay Improvement Trust now merged in the Municipality of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 273 square yards or thereabouts and registered by the Collector of Land Revenue under New No. 7926 and New Survey Nos. 4561 and 4562 and Cadastral Survey No. 4300 of Bhuleshwar Division together with the messuage tenement or buildings standing thereon assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under "C" Ward Nos. 6947, 7982, 8084 and 8085, Street Nos. 78-80-82-84-86, 488-490 all which premises are situated at Parel Road and Bhendy Bazar, Bombay, in the Registration Sub-District of Bombay and are bounded, on or towards the East by Parel Road, on or towards the West by Agiary Street (Bhendy Bazar), on or towards the North by Plot No. 8 of the said Estate and on or towards the South by Khara Tank Road and are now in the occupation of the said Vendors and their tenants.

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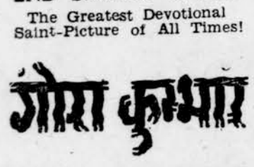

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AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CENTRAL—"Ten O'Clock" 4, 7 and 10
NEW EMPIRE—"Beyond the Blue Horizon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
METRO—"Cross Roads" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
CAPITOL—"Defeat of the Germans Near Moscow 4, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Vasant Sena" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
BROADWAY "Ankh Michaoli" 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR "Kipling's Jungle Book" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
REGAL: "Eagle Squadron" 4, 6-30 and 9-30
EROS—"This Above All" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
OPERA HOUSE—"Bhakta Surdas" 2-30, 5 7-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON: "Ek Raat" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Bhakta Kabir" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30 p.m.
PARADISE—"So You Won't Talk" 4-30, 6-45 and 10 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Bharat Milap" 4, 7 and 10
EDWARD—"The Thief of Bagdad" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
AURORA—"Rio Rita" 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Nai Roshni" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Khan-Daan" 3, 6-15 and 9-30
SUPER—"Gora Kumbhar" 4-15, 7 and 9-45
ROXY—"Mera Gaon" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
CITY LIGHT—"Doctor" 4-30, 7-15 and 10
KOHINOOR—"Roti" Time as usual.
STRAND—"Bad Men of Missouri" 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
SWASTIK—"Damaji" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
MAJESTIC—"Basant" 3-30, 6-30 and 9-30
IMPERIAL—"Jawab" 4, 7 and 10 p.m.

To-day's Engagements

BOMBAY PROVINCIAL MUSLIM LEAGUE: Working Committee meeting to-day at 5-30 p.m. at the office at Shahru Castle, Mohamedali Road, Bombay 3.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: Questions and answers meeting preceded by a short talk on "The Inner Ruler" at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain, to-day at 6-15 p.m.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: Shri M. B. Vaidya on "Jnaneshwari" at the premises of the Centre at Gamdevi at 6-30 p.m. today.

A.R.P. KHAR DIVISION WEEKLY MEETING: Mr. Y. A. Gole on the "New German Incendiary Bombs, Tackling of Same and Servicing of Stirrup Pump", at 9 p.m. (N.S.T.).

INDIAN POSTS AND TELEGRAPHS DEPARTMENT: "Friday the 25th December, 1942 is a Post Office holiday on account of Christmas Day", says a notification.

MAZDAZNAN HALL LECTURES: Mother Gloria and others on "Health and Breath Culture" at 6 p.m. to-day.

"BIDI" KAMGAR UNION, BOMBAY (RED FLAG): At a public meeting of the "Bidi" workers held on Sunday, at the Nagpada Neighbourhood House, it was decided to send a mass petition signed by all the "Bidi" workers to the Government asking the latter to intervene in the issue between the shop-owners and the workers over the demands regarding increase in wages, price control and better accommodation. Mr M. S. Bakshi presided.

TWO GRUESOME MURDERS IN CITY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

With gaping wounds on his body, a keeper of a restaurant situated in the compound of the Bombay High Court was found dead this morning.

The murder seems to have been committed in the early hours of Tuesday. The cash box of the restaurant was found tampered with. The culprits seem to have left the premises with all the cash they could place on.

An equally dastardly murder was committed near the Colaba Land Mill where a woman was found with a number of stab wounds on her body. The body was taken possession of by the police and removed to the morgue.

TO-DAY ON RADIO

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 23.

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)

5 p.m. Azim Prem Ragi; 5-15 G. A. Khan 5-25 Rani Devi: 5-35 For Women. 6-45 Zohra Jan. 6-55 Sarod recital: 7 Life in America. 7-15 G. A. Khan 7-25 Durga on violin. 7-30 Zohra Jan. 7-45 For villagers only. 8-30 Azim Prem Ragi: 8-55 Jawabi hamla. 9-30 B B C news. 9-45 The voice of America. 10 Zohra Jan. 10-10 G. A. Khan. 10-20 Hamir on sarangi. 10-30 Bande Hasan. 10-45 Zohra Jan. 10-55 Thumri on clarionet.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s.)

8 a.m. Shahnai. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-30 Vinayakrao Patwardhan. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Alap on sarangi: 9-15 Pramila Bai. 9-30 Hindustani duets. 9-40 Hiralal Nakshigara. 9-50 S. S. Gore. 12-30 p.m. Bhavgeets. 12-45 News in Marathi. 12-50 News in Gujarati. 12-55 News in Hindustani. 1 Musical fare. 1-30 News in English. 1-40 Lunch-hour music. 4-20 School broadcast. 5 To-morrow. 5-5 S. S. Gore. 5-20 Hiralal Nakshigara. 5-35 Shankerrao Alkutkar. 5-55 Local news and announcements. 6 Nana ani Mani. 6-30 News in English. 6-40 News in Hindustani. 6-45 News commentary (Hindustani). 6-53 S. S. Gore. 7 A story in Hindustani. 7-15 Ghazals. 7-30 Pramila Bai. 7-45 News in Marathi. 7-55 News in Gujarati. 8-5 Vinayakrao Patwardhan. 8-30 News review. 8-45 Talyarkhan's Badminton Commentary. 9-0 News in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 The voice of America. 10 Air orchestra. 10-10 Pramila Bai. 10-20 Vinayakrao Patwardhan.

Bombay II—Programme

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s.)

8 to 8-5 As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Shahnai solos. 8-15 to 8-30 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Shankerrao Alkutkar. 9 Interlude. 9-10 to 10 As in Bombay 1.

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s.)

12-30 to 2-30 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

49.3 metres (6,085 kc/s.)

4-20 to 7-15 p.m. As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s.)

7-30 p.m. Commercial News. 7-45 Shankarrao Alkutkar. 8-5 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 Hira Lal Nakshigara. 9-15 G. S. Yellapurkar. 9-30 Columbia broadcasting symphony orchestra. 9-45 to 10 As in Bombay 1. 10 Chamber music.

Bombay Hockey League

Young Sports went down to the City Police by 3—1 last evening in the Bombay Hockey League. The Young Sports, however, have to thank their forwards for this defeat, missing as they did several golden opportunities of scoring.

In an earlier engagement No. 3 Bombay Fortress Co. beat Elphinstone College by 4 love.

TO-DAY'S GAMES.

Parsi Cyclists' ground:—
Alcock Ashdown Co. v. I. C. I., 5-30 p.m.
Association Ground:—
G. I. P. Railway Workshops 'B' v. Law College, 4-20 p.m.
Customs v. St. Xavier's College 'A' 5-30 p.m.

POSTPONED GAMES

The following matches which were originally scheduled to be played on last Monday, will now be played on Thursday, the 24th instant.

Bank of Baroda v City Police 'B', 4-20 p.m.
G. I. P. Railway Workshops 'A' v. "Times of India" 'A', 5-30 p.m.

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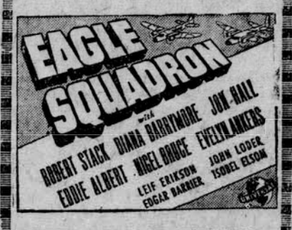
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FOOD CRISIS

The food situation in the country is getting worse day by day and unless steps are immediately taken by both the Central Government and Provincial Governments to tackle the problem effectively, the country may be obliged to face a serious crisis, which would be most undesirable at the present juncture. The official circles, on whom the responsibility of ensuring adequate supplies of foodstuffs to the people, rests, have not given any convincing explanation of the abnormal rise in the prices of these commodities everywhere in India and of the very great scarcity, bordering on famine, which prevails in several cities and districts far removed from one another. The public are repeatedly told in some official quarters that there are ample supplies of foodstuffs in the country and that the sky-rocketting of prices in some places is due either to shortage of transport, because of defence requirements, which prevents the free movement of these commodities to the areas where scarcity prevails, or to the hoarding of the commodities mostly by the profiteering traders and to some extent also by the individual consumers. The Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarkar, the new Commerce Member of the Government of India, during his recent visit to this city gave the assurance that there were adequate supplies in the country, which were, however, unequally distributed at present, but he left most of his hearers unconvinced. The Member for Transport, Sir Edward Benthal, has hotly denied that there has been lack of transport. He considers the shortage of foodstuffs to be due to unequal distribution and hoarding. The trading community, on the other hand, lays the entire blame for the present situation at the door of the Government who, they say, have muddled egregiously their price control plans and have allowed essential foodstuffs to be exported out of India in large quantities not only for the army purposes of the Allies, but also for sale, through non-Indian monopolists like the United Kingdom Corporation, to needy countries in the Near and Middle East, as well as to Great Britain, America and so on. A tale of ineptitude and lack of foresight is heard from most provinces. If transport difficulties were not responsible for the unequal distribution of food grains and other essential commodities, the failure of the food and price control must have been directly responsible for the same. It is no use laying the blame for the situation at the door of the trading community, for if the latter were really guilty of withholding supplies from the public, it was the business of the food and price controlling officers to bring them to book. But the less said about the efficiency and energy of these officers the better.

Export Of Foodstuffs

But there is one aspect of the problem on which the Central Government ought to throw more light in order to exculpate themselves from the charge of sacrificing the vital interests of the people of India. What are the quantities of foodgrains and other commodities of home consumption that have been allowed to be exported to foreign countries? What quantities have gone out for Army purposes and what quantities to feed the peoples of other countries? What are the quantities which the United Kingdom and other monopolist agencies have marketed abroad and at what rates did they purchase them in India and sell them abroad? If the public of India are to be satisfied that the present shortage of essential commodities is not the direct result of their unrestricted export to foreign countries and that there has not been any sacrifice of the vital interests of the country at the altar of alien vested interests, information such as is asked for above require to be given to the public.

A Warning

If, as is suggested in official quarters, only excess quantities were allowed to be exported from India, why should the prices of articles like tea and sugar, which India produces in ample quantities, have gone up by 100 to 300 per cent? Indeed, it will be found on comparison that a pound of tea costs actually much higher in India, where it is produced, than in a country like Great Britain which has to import it from thousands of miles away? It may be contended that India by selling her commodities at good prices abroad has benefited largely. But would the Government of any country, say Great Britain herself, allow articles of daily need to be exported to such an extent as to cause a virtual famine in such articles in the country itself? When scarcity and famine are stalking the country, is it not time that the Government of India stopped at once the export of all foodstuffs, as demanded by the Committee of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce? The warnings uttered by the members of the Municipal Corporations of Calcutta Bombay and Madras, not to mention any others, as to the grave consequences if the situation, which is worsening every day, is not tackled satisfactorily and immediately, ought to make the Government of India and the Provincial Governments bestir themselves and revise their present highly unsatisfactory policies of food and price control.

Nazis And Turkey

As the new Russian offensive develops it leaves its predecessors far in the background. Indeed, it has already achieved an importance which has stirred the world. The German military spokesman, General Dietmar, himself, admits that the struggle of Middle Don is going to be the battle of the year. This confession has been forced by the remorseless fact, which cannot be ignored, that the Russians have already cut the Voronej-Rostov railway and driving south-west they are now within a few miles of Millerovo, an important railway junction between the Don and the Donetz. If the Russian advance continues Herr Hitler, already worried over the fate of his twenty-two divisions in the Stalingrad area, will be faced with the possible loss not only of Rostov but his entire Caucasian army, too. These are, however, hopes which may or may not materialise. But the prospects even though problematic have given rise to another theory regarding the recent conference at the Fuehrer's headquarters.

Faced with the threat of a great disaster in Russia might not Herr Hitler seek a relief diversion in an attack on Turkey? The idea is attractive. If successful a drive through Turkey would threaten Egypt from the east, expel the Allies from the Middle East and bring the Germans into the Caucasus from the south enabling them thus not only to relieve their armies in southern Russia but also to capture all the oilfields of Russia, Iran and Iraq. But can it succeed at all? The Turks will fight. This is certain. It is also certain that, with or without arms, the Turks are more than a match for Herr Hitler's Italian, Bulgarian and other 'Balkan satellites. He will have to send against them a big German force which he can ill-afford owing to the urgent need for German troops in Russia, France and the Mediterranean. On the other hand, the Turks, though ill equipped, are a million strong and they are fighters. They will, moreover, have the support not only of the weather but also of a good many powerfully armed Allied divisions concentrated in Syria, Iraq and Palestine in addition to a veritable Anglo-American air armada. Finally, there is the great Russian Caucasian army only too willing to meet the Germans. By invading Turkey Herr Hitler will not make good the serious reverses of the last two months by one blow. He may, on the contrary, lose a whole lot more than he has done during the last two months.

REASSURING TO INDIA'S MILLIONS

(From Our Own Correspondent.
LONDON, Dec. 21.

The New York "Herald Tribune" commenting on Burma advance says "If this surprise attack upon an isolated corner of Burma has no other objective than the capture of Akyab—even if it is not more than a super-commando raid, it will serve useful purposes . . . a big scale raid into the Arakan territory will give old-timers who have been forced out of Burma last winter the feeling that they could go back also with season's new recruits. The Japanese occupation of Burma convinced millions that the Japanese were invincible and would overrun India at their convenience.

Nothing can convert Indian masses from this perfectly logical defeatism but the demonstration of the British and Indian army's ability to go back and evict Japanese from the occupied territory.

Frankly Speaking

Western Air Offensive

As we suggested yesterday, what does happen even on Herr Hitler's comparatively quiet western front causes him material damage and increases his worries. He finds in Britain a vast base of a potentially dangerous invasion army and of the greatest concentration ever of air power which is already making itself felt. Allied aircraft based in Britain have been blasting not only the German industrial machine but also Italian factories, ports and, above all, Italian morale. Apart from Turin and Genoa, which must be troubling him deeply, the Fuhrer has recently had reminders of what this air power can do in Germany and German occupied western Europe. The other day American heavy bombers escorted by Allied fighters carried out a big raid on a Nazi air craft repairing base near Paris. The attacking force lost six bombers. But in addition to its great success against its ground objectives, including aircraft and installations, this force destroyed no fewer than forty-four German air craft Herr Hitler cannot afford such smashing blows, however, infrequent, to his already weakened Luftwaffe in Western Europe. That is not all. The raid on Duisberg, for instance, and frequent bombing and strafing attacks in occupied countries show how systematically and steadily the Allies are going after Nazi communications and supply lines.

Deterrents To Aggression

These attacks are causing enough trouble to German armies in France and the Low Countries. Can Herr Hitler take the risk of extending operations through Spain with such a powerful air force and a big army threatening his flank from Britain? The Conference at the Fuhrer's Headquarters has intensified speculations regarding an Axis drive on Gibraltar and North Africa through Spain. And there is also now a New York radio report to the effect that mighty armadas are being built up by the Allies —at Gibraltar—and the Axis for new operations somewhere in the Mediterranean. It is difficult to believe that the scene of these operations will be Spain. In this connection the fact is not without significance that Doctor Salazar of Portugal and General Jordana of Spain have just announced the creation of an Iberian peace bloc. Such blocs and their own desires are no deterrent to Herr Hitler when aggression serves his purpose. But what must deter him are the difficulties and dangers that are already facing him on the various fronts and which will inevitably increase if he adds another front to them. Should Herr Hitler, however, elect to strike through Spain the adventure would not indicate stategic brilliance so much as a state of desperation.

Intellectual Black-out

The reported decision of the Government of India not to allow the reading of the address of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the next session of the All-India Science Congress, of which he is the President-elect, is very unfortunate, from the point of view not only of the members of the Congress who will be deprived of what would certainly have been an intellectual treat of a rare order, but also of the Government. Pt. Nehru is not a criminal, though he is held in durance by the Government. He was not, we dare say, going to talk "Congress politics" to the scientists whom he was to address. It is they—a wholly non-political body—who elected him as a person deserving to be honoured by them for his intellectual and other high cultural attainments. By placing a ban on the address of such a person the Government have dealt a blow not at him but at themselves, at their own prestige at the bar of world-opinion. Intellectual black-outs are the stock-in-trade of the Axis Powers, and should not be resorted to by any Government claiming to be democratic.

Party To Mr. Abdulla Soomar

A number of friends of Alijah Abdulla Soomar were present at the Tea Party given in his honour at the Cricket Club of India on Tuesday evening. H.H. the Aga Khan has conferred the distinction of 'Kamadia' upon Mr. Abdulla Soomar, and this occasion was taken advantage of by Mr. Soomar's friends to give him a Party.

Among those present were a number of European, Parsi, Hindu and Muslim friends of the recipient of the honour, including a large number of women.

After tea, Mr. Mahomedbhoy I. Rowji eulogised the services rendered by Mr. Soomar to the Khoja Ismaili community and wished him long life to enjoy this as well as other honours.

Mr. Abdulla Soomar thanked his friends and replied in suitable terms and expressed the hope that he would be able to serve the community.

Mr Soomar was then introduced by Mr. A. Karmally to the guests present.

United Nations To Solve Indian Deadlock

RUSSELLS' PLAN OF 'SWARAJ' IN TWO INSTALMENTS

NEW YORK, December 22.

Discussing the international significance of the Indian Problem Bertrand Russell and Patricia Russell offer in magazine article, suggestions based on two premises.

The first premise they say is—There should be grant of the Indian demand for Swaraj (Home Rule) not through the conception of Dominion Status as an integral part of the British Commonwealth of Nations, but admitting that India has the same right of independenec as any other country in the modern world. The second premise is that this right of independence on the part of nations is strictly limited. The Russells assert "no nation should be the subject of another nation. But each nation should be subject in some respects to all others. This would imply extension of the principle of democratic Government to international affairs."

They declared that two classes of decision ought to be taken: First as to the war period, and second as to the status of India after the war. Each must be taken, while the war is in progress, since they affect the attitude of India towards the war.

During the war period, the problem should be treated in relation to success in the war. They emphasise that the danger of a hastily devised solution could be avoided and a United Nations' commission should go to India to ascertain the main facts and converse with the leaders of various parties, with a view to discovering and recommending

(a) Interim measures for the war period designed to help the war effort;

(b) A long-run solution of the India problem to be put into effect when the war is over.

The commission should in fact resume the talks in which Sir Stafford Cripps failed with more hope of success, since they would not represent only the British Raj or only the white man.—Reuter.

Bavla Government Bungalow Set On Fire

(Through A. P. And U.P.)

BELGAUM, Dec. 22: Village 'daftars' were burnt in about 15 villages in the Khanapur Taluka. An attempt was made to damage the records of the Range Forest Office at Gokak. Two 'Chawdais' were burnt in the villages of Tegur and Bogur. A primary school at Ghapgaon was damaged by fire.

Dacoity was committed in the house of Mr. Gorawakol, Mamlatdar of Athani, and cash to the extent of Rs. 6,600 was taken away. A few searches were carried out in the Talakwadi and Bhandur Galli areas of the City. It is stated that nothing incriminating was found.

V. P. Katti was taken into custody at Hukeri for prejudicial activities. S. N. Pujari and N. N. Gundnur, who were "wanted" have surrendered to the police. Harischandra Pai, who were prosecuted on the charge of taking out an unauthorised procession, was acquitted by the City Magistrate. An armed dacoity was committed in the village of Muglihal.

MUNICIPAL SCHOOL SET ON FIRE

KOLHAPUR, Dec. 21: Shahupuri Municipal Girls School building was set on fire in the early hours of yesterday morning. The police put out the fire after two hours hard work.

There was a bomb explosion last evening at the house of a pleader. The pleader's grandson, a B.Sc. student, had his hands and face severely burnt and was removed to hospital in an unconscious condition.

BAVLA BUNGALOW BURNT

AHMEDABAD: The Government bungalow at Bavla, a village nearby, was set on fire. Doors of the buildings as also some furniture were partially burnt.

BOMB EXPLOSIONS

RAJKOT:—Two explosions occurred in the Dharamendrasinghji College at Rajkot, says a report received here. An explosion also took place in a class room of the Rajkot High School. No damage was caused at either of the places.

BARDOLI:—A crude bomb exploded under the stair-case of a High School here. No Damage is reported.

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 22:—An explosion occurred early this morning in the sub-branch of the Imperial Bank. No damage was done.

Stones were thrown at the police at two places. A municipal clerk and peon were assaulted when they were out distributing tax bills. A cracker was thrown near the gate of the R. C. High School which is a Government institution

COLLECTIVE FINE FOR VARAD

A collective fine of Rs. 4,000 has been imposed on the village of Varad, in the Bardoli taluka of Surat District.

SURAT: Jayantilal Maganlal and Bhogilal Chhotalal have been sentenced to six months' R.I. each. According to reports received from Nadiad, Himat Parbhat has been sentenced to three months' R. I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 20 or in the alternative to undergo three weeks R.I. more for removing a post box from the village of Bodal. Himat Parbhat was further sentenced to six months' R.I and to pay a fine of Rs 30 or to undergo one month's R.I in the alternative, for making allegations against the police, which were not substantiated.

Motibhai Mathurbhai Patel, arrested at the village of Dethali in Matar Taluka in Kaira District for possession of unauthorised 'patrikas' has been sentenced to pay a fine of Rs. 250 under the D.I.R. Pashabhai Motibhai Patel and Vithalbhai Dosabhai Patel, arrested at Sojitra have been fined Rs. 200 and Rs. 100 respectively.

COUNTERFEITING MACHINERY UNEARTHED

SURAT, Dec. 22: A bomb exploded in the premises of the High School at Bardoli, but did not cause damage or injuries to property or person, says a report reaching here.

A counterfeiting machinery has been unearthed in Navsari and one person found on the premises has been arrested says a report reaching here. Acting on information received, the police continued their searches in other parts of the city and raided a house near the railway station and seized a number of one rupee and four anna coins and implements to utter false coins. Investigations are continuing.

A letter-box on Station Road at Navsari was found to contain some explosive substance. Some letters were charred.

'KARMAVEER' EDITOR RELEASED

HUBLI: Mr. H. R. Purohit, Editor 'Karmaveer', was arrested at Bagalkot where he had gone on private business. On his arrival at the station in the evening a police constable arrested him and took him to the police lock-up and detained him for the night. Mr. Purohit was, however, released next day.

Nine persons were convicted and sentenced to five years' R.I. and to pay a fine of Rs. 100 each for burning furnitures in the Travellers' Bungalow at Mulawar in the Bijapur District. The village records of Tegur and Bogur villages in the Belgaum District were burnt few days ago Similar reports have been received from six villages in Khanapur Taluka. An attempt is reported to have been made to burn the village 'chavadi' in Betasur in the Belgaum District.

HOSPET ARSON CASE SENTENCES

BELLARY.—The District and Sessions Judge, Bellary, acquitted A. Kotrappa and six others, accused in the Hospet Municipal School arson case. The prosecution alleged that three of the accused who were students of the school set fire to the school building along with the rest on the night of September 10 last. The Judge observed that the actual evidence legally admissible in the case was extremely little, the prosecution resting almost entirely on the evidence of three students who went back even in the Lower Court completely on their statements. He added that he was convinced that the real culprits and ring leaders were not before him in the dock.

In Maharashtra

POONA:—Two searches were carried out in different localities of the City. It is stated that some suspicious correspondence was seized.

SATARA:—Two persons were arrested on suspicion of being involved in robbing a postal runner of mail bags in the Dhebewadi area. The Police Patel, the Talathi and a school teacher of the village of Mandur in Valwa Taluka were attacked and injured by some unknown persons. According to a report from Sangli, Dr Sohoni, who was 'proclaimed' was arrested there.

SHOLAPUR:—The Bombay High Court has upheld, on appeal, the sentence of five years' R.I. passed on four persons for an attempt to set the Sholapur Post Office on fire. A fine of Rs. 1,000 each imposed on two of the accused has, however, been remitted.

In Madras

SALEM:—The police searched the residence of Mr. S. V. Lakshmana, Advocate, under the D.I.R. The Raju Press, one other printing press and five other premises were simultaneously searched. Nothing incriminating was found in any of the places.

DHARAMPURAM:—The police searched two houses and a garden at Hanumanthpuram belonging to Mr. R. Dasarathi Naidu, Municipal Councillor, under the D.I.R. when, it is stated, nothing incriminating was found.

TRICHINOPOLY:—The town police searched the houses of Messrs. Raja Rao and Rammurthi and seized some alleged prejudicial literature and arrested two persons.

THREE GET "KALA PANI"

COIMBATORE:—Judgment was delivered to-day by the Special Judge, Coimbatore, in what is called the Singanallur Derailment Case. Fifty-eight persons were charged with having caused the derailment of a goods train on August 13 last between Singanallur and Podanur as a result of which some carriages capsized and the driver and a few others injured. Three accused were sentenced to transportation for life under Section 126 I.P.C. 40 were sentenced to two years' R.I. each under Section 147 I.P.C. and the remaining 15 were acquitted.

SMOKE FROM HIGH COURT

MADRAS:—A substance resembling phosphorus was found emitting smoke in the High Court premises yesterday. This was noticed by a member of the High Court A.R.P. Staff, who immediately extinguished it and reported the incident to the authorities. Police are investigating.

In Bengal

SHILLONG: — Mr. Devendra Chandra Namsudra, a former teacher of Karara Harijan School, has been arrested at Kulaura. Mr. Nikunja Behari Goswami, founder of the Karera Harijan School and a Congress worker of Surma Valley, has been arrested at Sylhet under the Defence of India Rules.

A number of persons including some school teachers in South Sylhet have been served with a notice to act as special constables for three months under section 17 of the Police Act.

Processionists Sentenced

Narayanswami's Case Postponed

BOMBAY, Tuesday

Mr. C. K. Narayanswami, a Sub-Editor of "The Bombay Chronicle" who was arrested by the City C. I. D. a few days back, under the Defence of India Rules and who is now in custody was produced before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court to-day. The case against him was postponed to January 5.

Hanuman Moghatrao (20), Chandrekant Chaganlai (20), Balkrishna Mahadeo (17), Chandrikant Tikam (18), and Dattatraya Shantaram (20) were put up today before Mr. I. S. Haji, Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon Court on the charge of taking out unauthorised processions in different parts of the city on December 18.

They were sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 75 each, or in default of the fine to undergo four weeks' further imprisonment.

Jayantilal Bhaichand Shah who was placed before the same Magistrate on the charge of defacing and removing without a lawful authority a government notice was found guilty of the same and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

The same Magistrate also convicted Jivram Nagji of causing damage to a B.E.S.T. bus. He was sentenced to five months' rigorous imprisonment.

For advocating the breach of curfew order in a "Bhoi-Patrika" which he wrote on the Sandhurst Road on August 9 last, a person was sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment and to pay a fine of Rs. 120 or in default to undergo two months' further imprisonment.

The accused pleaded not-guilty and stated that he had written nothing about the curfew-order What he had actually written was, said he, "Release Mahatma Gandhi."

Justification For 'Pakistan'

HYDERABAD, (Deccan), Dec. 22.

Sir Stafford Cripps' Mission had established a justification for Pakistan and had also envisaged Indian States' future their right to separate themselves from the Indian union, said Nawab Bahadur Yarjung in the course of his presidential address at the 14th session of the Majlis Ittihad-ul-Muslimin

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"I do not mind being opposed by my fellow-workers in the Hindu Mahasabha but I cannot understand a geographical unity stunt raised by a Dewan of an Indian State who refuses to the subjects of the State political or administrative homogenity with the rest of India".

"C.R." in reply to Sir C. P. Ramaswamy Iyer.

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Canadians have started a movement to urge the claim of Ottawa as the logical meeting place for the Peace Conference because Ottawa is a perfect half-way house between Washington and London.

True. But why not New Delhi which is a perfect half-way house between war and peace aims?

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It is announced that the Calcutta area was again raided for a short while by Japanese aircraft early on Tuesday morning.

We are sorry, but we welcome it. It almost convinces us that the Japs are getting rattled.

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The Chinese have heartily welcomed the British advance into Burma.

What is more noteworthy is the anxiety behind the welcome lest it may turn out to be unjustified. And we sympathise with our Chinese friends.

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Americans, too, have enthusiastically welcomed the British advance.

But their enthusiasm has outstripped General Wavell and strayed east. They want the ill-armed Chinese to start something big on wester Yunnan in order to support the modest effort in Arakan

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According to a Calcutta report, the next session of the All-India Muslim League will most probably be held in Calcutta during the Easter holidays.

We are profoundly relieved.

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The All-India Editors' Conference has declared a black-out of, among other things, all speeches of members of the British Government, the Government of India and Provincial Governments."

Their decision is most unfair and we strongly protest against it. For it amounts to sabotaging this column.

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General MacArthur reports that his general plane-tank-artillery-infantry attack against the Japs in the Buna Mission area is making steady progress.

That will teach the devils to barricade themselves in the home of angels.

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The Australian Army Minister, Mr. F. M. Forde, has given, his people a new invasion warning, says a Reuter's cable.

So far as Australians are concerned they have officially decided that Australia will never be safe from invasion until Allied troops have well, truly and completely occupied Japan. Even then Mr. Curtin at least will need a good deal of persuading.

SMALL CRAFT IN BASSEIN CREEK

Govt. Restriction On Movements

Restrictions have been placed on the movements of small craft in Bassein Creek.

Small craft, other than those belonging to the Government must not move east of Bassein Fort up to and as far as the junction with Thana Creek between sunset and sunrise except under a permit from the Collector of Salt Revenue, Bombay.

The order applies to country craft, dhows, fishing vessels, tugs, barges, launches, boats and all harbour vessels of any kind.

Police Commissioner's Ban

The Commissioner of Police, Bombay has forbidden the carrying of lathis, sticks or other similar weapons for a further period of one month from December 23.

NO CONVOCATION ADDRESS

ALLAHABAD, December 22.

The Annual Convocation of the Allahabad University was held this evening in the Senate Hall. Prof. Amarnath Jha the Vice-Chancellor presiding.

Contrary to usual parctice no Convocation Address was delivered this year.—A. P.

Sea Mails To South Africa Lost

NEW DELHI, Dec. 22.

The Director-General, Posts and Telegraphs, regrets to announce that sea mails for South Africa comprising postings between the 6th and 18th November, 1942, and sea mails for East Africa comprising postings between the 13th and 18th November, 1942, have been lost by enemy action, says a communique.—A.P.

FOUR ARRESTS IN CITY

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

An attempt was made this evening at Parel to take out a procession and the intervention of the police is alleged to have led to stone-throwing as a result of which one policeman is reported to have been injured. Four persons have been arrested.

SYSTEMATIC PLANNING OF INDUSTRIES ESSENTIAL

DR. HAMIED ON THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

The 7th annual general meeting of the Cipla, Limited, was held at their Registered Office, Bellasis Road, Byculla, Bombay, on Tuesday afternoon, Dr. K. A. Hamied, the Managing Director of the Company presided.

The Directors' report was unanimously adopted.

Addressing the 7th Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders of 'CIPLA' (Chemical, Industrial & Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd.) Dr. Hamied, the Chairman & Technical Director of the Company said:—

"I welcome you to the 7th Annual General Meeting of your Company and am glad to report to you of the steady progress our Company has made during the past year. The report of the Directors and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1942, has already been circulated. With your permission I take it as read.

I remember only a few years back how anxious you all were about the fate of your Company. The entire responsibility for the successful working of the Company lay on me. I told you in my speech in 1939 that it was in the nature of Chemical and Pharmaceutical concerns to make losses in the early stages of their existence, but given good management and technical direction such Companies soon develop into big concerns. To-day I feel happy and I am sure you share the same with me that my prophecies of the year 1938-1939 have come true.

Your Company has made a nett profit of Rs. 3,27,000/- this year The profits would have been still better were it not for the high prices of raw materials, packing and freight charges and considerable increase in salaries and wages

(DR. K. A. HAMIED).

On account of abnormal rise in the cost of living we have increased the dearness allowance from 10 per cent, which we were paying last year, to 25 per cent. Besides we have also radically changed the scale of salaries of the entire personnel of the Company. Your Directors have also decided to give a bonus of 2 months salary.

EXCESS PROFITS TAX

Gentlemen, you would have seen from the Directors' Report that a very large amount from the profits has been earmarked for payment of taxes. The abnormal rise in taxation introduced by the Government as a War measure may be of little or no consequence to old and well-established concerns, but to new concerns started with moderate capital to promote the development of vital industries like ours, heavy taxation is nothing but a great obstacle in the way of stability and further development of the industry.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

There is no doubt that War has given fillip to the Indian Industry but War has also brought about many difficulties in our way. The Pharmaceutical Industry in India is still dependent on the import of basic chemicals. It is incomprehensible to me why the Government should impose restrictions on the import of chemicals by manufacturing concerns so long as these basic chemicals are not manufactured in our country. The quota fixed for us was far too little compared to our demands and all attempts to obtain higher quota remained unsuccessful.

EXPORT DIFFICULTIES

The export difficulties have also been in no way less. This has hampered our sales considerably. Let us hope that in the present year better facilities will be given to the Indian Manufacturers for the export of their goods. We do not wish to export any such goods as may be required by the Government but articles which the Government are not prepared to purchase should in all fairness to the trade be allowed free export.

EXPANSION OF MANUFACTURING ACTIVITIES

During the year under review the manufacturing activities of your Company have expanded in several directions. On the Pharmaceutical side the production of Ampoules, Tablets, Galenicals and Proprietary medicines has been considerably increased. Our Liver Dept. has now been perfected and I may inform you that our Liver Extract both for oral and injectable use is considered one of the best in the market. On the Chemical side we have added to our list a number of new fine chemicals, such as, Acriflavine, Di-Sodium-monomethyl-arsonate, Nicotinic Acid Nikothamide, Calcium Lactate and Dehydrocholic Acid. On the Research side we have succeeded in producing a number of chemicals which we hope to manfacture in our new contemplated concern for which I have acquired considerable land on the main road very near Bombay, as there is no room for any further expansion in our present premises where we are working to full capacity.

MANUFACTURE OF BASIC CHEMICALS

In my speech last year I had suggested the possibility of your Company undertaking the manufacture of a number of basic chemicals both of fine and heavy nature, raw products for which are available in India. For this purpose I had begun arrangements to start a new and purely chemical factory with a very large capital. The work was well in hand but unforeseen happenings in the Far East and enemy activities nearer at home rendered it inadvisable to launch any new project. However, as soon as conditions are more favourable, I think this contemplated new chemical factory should be started.

SYSTEMATIC PLANNING OF INDUSTRIES ESSENTIAL

The present World War has fully exposed the helpless condition of our country. No matter what category of the daily necessities of life we take into consideration be it a needle or a machine, a foodstuff or a drug, we find that we do not produce even an insignificant part of our requirements. Restricting myself to the chemical industry I must say that there is an unlimited scope for the development of this industry. Chemical Industry is the mother of all industries without which we cannot hope to achieve any real industrial development of our country. It is true that a number of chemical concerns are cropping up here and there in India but we have no correctly planned scheme for development of the Industry. I am glad to inform you, gentlemen, that with the object of co-ordinated planning of industries I have recently established an organisation under the name, National Industrial Planning Corporation. It will be the aim of this organisation to plan industries in a co-ordinated and systematic way and start them either ourselves or hand them over to others to start.

Before concluding I wish to express on my behalf and on behalf of the Directors and Shareholders our great appreciation of the loyalty and devotion with which the entire staff of the Company at the Head Office, the Factory and the Branch Offices have discharged their duties. I am glad to inform you that the staff of your Company is second to none in India, and it is only through their co-operation and team-work that we have been able to achieve such good results"

FURTHER DROP IN STEEL SHARES

Absence Of Support

Bombay, Dec. 22.

The local Share Bazar which managed to keep somewhat steady tone yesterday, failed to attract any support and in the absence of any support prices dropped. The selling was not confined to one group but the decline was of a general character indicating loss of confidence. The present drop is mainly due to war news but as a matter of fact there is no change in the industrial outlook but sentiment plays an important part in shaking the course of share values. It is too early to form any definite idea about the prospective position but buyers are now timid and operators have adopted a policy of caution. There had been moderate liquidation.

Tata Steel shares again suffered a further drop. Dfds. opened at Rs. 40 lower at Rs. 1580 and further declined to Rs. 1565 Ordinary shares opened at Rs 335 and eased off to Rs. 328 Bombay Dyeing shares were quiet at Rs. 1652 and Century shares were marked down to Rs. 594 Associated Cement shares were quoted at Rs. 202/8. There was utter absence of any demand and as prices kept on declining prices seeked lower levels. Dfds quoting at Rs. 1550 Ordinary at Rs 326 and Dyeing at Rs. 1642. There was a steady flow of selling which kept on depressing quotations and Dfds were quoted at Rs. 1517 and Ordinary shares declined to Rs. 314 Bombay Dyeings downturned to Rs. 1615 and the market closed for the week

TEXTILE SECTIONS.

Ahmedabad Advance, 383/12; Bharat Mills 76; Bombay Dyeing 1505; Central India 375; Century 572; Colaba Land 217; Dawn 1110; E. D. Sassoon 2/14; Finlay 396; Gokak 325; Hindustan 3725; Ind. Manfg. 3500; Ind. Bleaching 215; Indore Malwa 760; Khatau 352; Kohinoor 580; Lakshmi 1140; Madhowji 21/12; Minerva 175/10; Model Nagpur xd 310; Morarji 750; Mysore 167/8; New Great 340; Phoenix 645; Podar Mills 272/8; Sassoon Silk 105; Sholapur 8400; Simplex 241; Swadeshi 429; Swan 270; Tata Mills 50; Vishnu 2100; Western India 3275.

INSURANCE SECTION.

Bom. Life 162/8; Empire Life 675; Ind. Mercantile 72; Indust. and Prudent 34; Jupiter 16/10; New India 57; Oriental 4410; Vulcan 11/2.

HYDRO AND ELECTRIC SECTION.

Ahmedabad 192/6; Ajmere 13/7; And. Valley Ordy 1750; Bom. Tram Ordy 140; Bom. Suburban 180; Broach 13/8; Karachi 225; Poona 225; Surat 265; Surat New Rs. 50/Pd. Prem. 70; Tata Hydro Ordy 185/8; Tata Power Ordy 1640.

BANK SECTION.

Bank of India 155/8; Baroda 129; Bom. Provincial 58; Central Bank 57/8; Imperial Bank F.P. 1650; Imperial P.P. 395; Reserve 102/12; Union 5/14.

PREFERENCE SHARES.

7 per cent And. Val. 1647/8; 6 per cent Bom. Steam 350; 7 per cent Bom. Tram 78/8; 6 per cent Central India 682/8; Jupiter 16; 6 1/2 per cent Surat 193/12; 6 1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 1st 125; 6 1/4 per cent Prem. Const. 2nd 125; 6 per cent Tata I and S. 1st 203/2; 7 1/2 per cent Tata I and S 2nd 127/8; 7 1/2 per cent Tata Power 1655; 7 per cent Tata Hydro 165; 7 per cent Vishnu 775.

DEBENTURES.

4 per cent And. Valley 104/12; 4 per cent Tata Power 105; 5 per cent Shol. Rs. 64 Pd. 72/12; 6 per cent Marsland Price 113/8; 4 per cent Tata Chemical 166

RAILWAY SECTION.

Ahmedabad Prantej 921/4; Cent. Provinces 108; Dhond Baramati 105; Gujerat 106; Hoshiarpur Doab 102; Mandra Bhon 108; Mymensing Rebate 101; Mymensing Gtd. 106; Pachora Jamner 99; Sara Sirajganji 104; Sialkot Narowal 115/8; Sialkot New 48/8; Sind Light 75.

MISCELLANEOUS SECTION.

Alembic Chemical 310; Alcock Ashdown 575; Asso. Cement 200; B. B. Petrol 2-1 1/4; Bel. Sugar 221; Bom. Burma Old 327/8; Bom. Burma New 110; Bom. Steam xd. 395; Ind. Radio Ordy. 367/8; Ind. Radio Defd. 350; Invest Trust 56; Prem. Const. 137; Port Canning 89; Scindia xd 22/12; Shivrajpur 53; Tata Ordy 314; Tata Defd. 1517/8; Tata Chemical 23/4; Tata Oil 75/8; Wimco 307/8; Burma Corp. 2/12; BIC Ordy. 5/13; Ind. Copper 2/1; Ind. Iron 29/14; Steel Corp. Bengal 21/8; New Vict. Ordy. 8/1.

INDIAN STOCK EXCHANGE

Bombay, Dec. 22.

Tata Ordinary 326; Tata Deferred 1550; Indian Iron 30/10; Steel Corpn. of Bengal 21/4; Bombay Dyeing 1637/8; Central India 382/8; Century 587/8; Gokak 335; Kohinoor 292/8; Simplex 245; Andhra Valley 1770; Tata Hydro 185; Tata Power 1650; Associated Cement 202; Belapur 220/10; Bombay Burma (old) 325.

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 22.

Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2 at London and 4.03 3/4 at New York London spot silver was quoted at 23 1/2d. The local market was quietly steady with a moderate turnover. Later on there was increased buying which hardened quotations and the market was steady to firm. Quotations were as under :—

GOLD.

Ready	Rs.	65	3 0
1st Settlement		65	1 0

SILVER.

Ready		102	6 0
1st Settlement		100	10 0

LONDON SILVER.

London, Dec. 21.

Spot	
Forward	23 1/2

LONDON GOLD.

London, Dec. 21.

London gold fine per oz	£8-8-0

Announcement

All interested in COTTON. SEEDS AND SHARES and desirous to learn the Secret, Grand and Beautifully Simple Laws of Nature governing Rise and Fall in prices in 10 days only at the hands of Mr. T BUTANEY, B. A. Expert priceologist and Author of "HOW TO FORECAST PRICES.... "are welcomed to take advantage of his short stay of two weeks in Bombay No one will be admitted after FRIDAY, the 25th December. Time 5 to 6 P.M. SAVOY HOTEL, Rooms 8 and 9, next BOMBAY CENTRAL. Phone No. 42154.

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GOVT. SECURITIES

Bombay, Dec. 22.

2 3/4 per cent 1948/52 Loan 98
3 1/2 per cent G P Notes 93/12
3 per cent 1949/52 Loan 100/7
3 per cent 1951/54 Loan 99/12
3 1/2 per cent 1947/50 Loan 103/6
3 per cent 1963/65 Loan 95/6
4 per cent 1943 Bonds 101/12
4 per cent 1960/70 Loan 110/4
4 1/2 per cent 1955/60 Loan 114
3 per cent 1946 Def Loan 102/12

TAX FREE LOANS

5 per cent 1945/55 Loan 108/12
4 per cent 1953/63 Mysore 117
5 per cent 1955 Mysore 127/8

CORPORATION DEBENTURES

4 per cent B P T 1974 108/8
4 per cent M Deb 1974 109/8
5 per cent M Deb 1959 109
Tone :—Steady
5 per cent M Deb 1954 128
6 per cent K P T 1956 127
Tone :—Easier.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 22.

On Monday the New York cotton market was steady with better demand for distant months. During the early part of the session there was mill price fixing and trade buying but later prices weakened on hedge selling and liquidation and the market closed steady.

At the opening March was quoted 3 points up at 18.97 and advanced to 19.06 a new high level under active support At the rise there was increased selling and prices reacted 10 points from the highest level and March was quoted 18.95. The market finally closed at a net rise of 2 to 13 points. Spot cotton prices improved 6 points at 20.56c per lb

The New Orleans cotton futures market was also steady and closed at a rise of 6 to 10 points. Spot cotton prices were raised 7 points at 19.64c per lb.

WEEKLY REVIEW

Cotton was indecisive reflecting uncertainties over Government price control policies in 1943 The Congressional farm bloc is likely to continue to strive for higher agricultural ceilings despite the Administration opposition Spot demand continues slow although mills are expected to re-enter the market in the new year to meet the heavy demand through Government and lend-lease textile orders. Producers have approved of the imposition of marketing quotas for the 1943 crop by 84 per cent compared with last year 94 per cent favourable vote. A listless market is expected with traders inclined to be cautious.

United States export statistics are no longer published but it is officially estimated that cotton exports last season slightly exceeded the exceptionally low level of previous season. Commodity Credit Corporation sold just over 400,000 bales under export scheme last season while lend-lease shipments upto end of July totalled about 900.000 and most of these were exported during the season All lend-lease cotton upto end of the season came from U. S. Government's stocks. More recently scarcity of suitable qualities necessitated some open market purchases for Lend and Lease amounting in September to 195 000 bales, October 135.000 bales at prices upto 27.33 cents per lb

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Dec. 21.

January	18.96	+02
March	18.99	+05
May	18.91	+06
July	18:84	+10
October	18.78	+09
December	18.79	+13
Middling spot	20.66	+06

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

New York, Dec. 21.

January	19.19	+05
March	19.24	+08
May	19.15	+10
Middling spot	19.64	+07

NOON CALL.

New York, Dec. 21.

March	18.98
May	18.90
July	18.84

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay, Dec. 22.

Trading was resumed at about 3 p.m. when I.C.C. January was quoted at Rs. 423 and March business was done at Rs. 319/8. The market was quietly steady.

Later on there was increased selling and January declined to Rs. 415/8 and March stood at Rs. 412 At this level some covering appeared but prices again collapsed. The market finally closed at 5 p.m. as under :—

I. C. C. January	Rs.	406	8	0
I. C. C. March		402	8	0
I. C. C. May		408	0	0

COTTON TEJI MANDI.

Bombay, Dec. 22.

Groundnuts May	14	0	0
Silver	6	0	0
Gold	4	0	0

COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton Contract January delivery is below New York January 253 cent, points at exchange 331.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, Dec. 21.

I.C.C. Jan. highest 432/8; lowest 424/8; closing 424/8.

I.C.C. March highest 430; lowest 422/8; closing 422/8.

MONEY MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 22.

LONDON :—
Banks buying 90 Days/St 1/6 9/32 Two Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Three Months.
Banks buying 90 Days/St. 1/6 5/16 Four Months.
B. C. Rates T T 1/5 15/16 D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32 D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32 D D 1/6 6/32
LONDON/NEW YORK :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4 D D Rs. 332 3/4
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2 D D Rs. 329 1/2
LONDON/MONTREAL :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 302 1/2 D D Rs. 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 3/4 D D Rs. 298 3/4
LONDON/BERNE :—
Banks selling T T Fcs 126 3/4
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2
LONDON/STOCKHOLM :—
Banks selling T T K 123 D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128 D D K 128
MEXICO/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T Rs. 67.27 D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04 D D Rs. 62.04
LISBON/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom. D D Esc 7.35 nom.
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55 D D Esc 7.55
AUSTRALIA/LONDON :—
Banks selling T T 1/10 3/8 D D 1/10 3/8
Banks buying T T — D D 1/11 3/8
Tone of Sterling Exchange :—Steady.
Gold £8-8-0 Ready.
New York Silver 44 3/4
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready 23 1/2 Forward
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent
Money :—Call 1 and 2 months 1/4 per cent
3 to 9 months 1/2 per cent
10 to 12 months 3/4 per cent
Tone :—Small enquiry.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON

MARCH

New York, Dec. 22.

Previous closing	18.99
To-day's opening	19.05
Difference	+06

CROSS RATES

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON

New York Dec. 22.

Previous closing	4.03 3/4
To-day's opening	not received

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK

London, Dec. 22.

Previous closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's opening 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers
To-day's closing 4.02 1/2 sellers: 4.03 1/2 buyers.

LONDON COMMODITIES

SEEDS.

London, Dec. 22

Castorseeds Bombay December/January (£29 quoted) unquoted.
Linseed Calcutta December/January (£26 quoted) £26 quoted.
Linseed La Plata December/January un quoted
Groundnut Coromandal December/January
East Coast Indian shipment (£27 1/2) £27 1/2 quoted. West Coast Indian shipment (£30 quoted) £30 quoted.

LONDON METALS

London, Dec. 22.

Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 3 (131 sh.) 131 sh.

LONDON BULLION

LONDON GOLD

London, Dec. 22.

London Gold (£8-8-0) £8-8-0

LONDON SILVER

London, Dec. 22.

Spot (23 1/2) 23 1/2d
Forward (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d

CROSS RATES

London, Dec. 22.

London on Bombay (1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers) 1-5 1/32 sellers 1-5 31/32 buyers.
New York on Bombay (30.36) 30.36

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/4 per cent.
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 22.

The London Stock Exchange was quietly firm to-day.

AUSTRALIAN LOAN

5 per cent Commonwealth £101 3/8

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent British Consols £81 9/16
3 per cent Conversion Loan £106 1/4
3 per cent Conversion Loan £100 7/16
4 per cent War Loan £113 3/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 5/8
3 per cent War Loan £102 1/8
4 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

INDUSTRIALS

Standard Motors 23-4 1/2
Marks and Spencer Ordinary 46-0
Electric Music Industry 19-1 1/2
Princhin Johnson 30-9
Imperial Chemical 36-6
Woolsworth Ordinary 59-0
San Paulo 7 per cent Coffee Rate £79 1/2
Dunlop Rubber 34-3
Unilever Ordinary 33-3
Ford Motors 31-6
Cables and Wireless New Ordinary £75 1/2
British American Tobacco Ordy £4 31/32
Carrears 'A' £5 7/8
Imperial Tobacco Ordinary £7 3/16
P and O Defd 31-3
Distillers 84-0 ex div.
Bredford Dyers 14-7 1/2
British Celanese 16-0
J and P Coates 41-3
Courtaulds Ordinary 45-0
Fine Cotton Spinners 15-0
Vickers Limited Ordinary 17-10 1/2
Inter Nickels 45 1/4
Indian Iron 53-1 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam 21-3
Donaro Tea 34-5
Rubber Plant 20-6

JUTE

Barnagore £5

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo-Dutch 13-9
Gula Kelampong 9-0
Rubber Plant 17-9

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug 20-0
Burma Corporation 5-9
Rio Tintos £10
East Rand Properties £1 31/32
Rand Mines £7 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown £9 1/8
Associated Portland Cement 53-9
Trinidad Leasehold 74-4 1/2
Sub-Nigel £5 15/16
Sprigg Mines Split Shares £0 29/32
Union Corporation 145-0

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian 34-4 1/2
Anglo-India 78-9
Burma Oil £2 13/16
Mexican Eagle 11-1 1/2
Shell Transport 3-3
Royal Dutch £25 1/2

RAILWAY SHARES

Great Western Ordinary £57
London Midland Ordinary £22 3/8
London North Eastern Defd £4 3/8
London Southern Defd £23 1/2
London Transport 5 per cent £128
London Transport 'C' £55

SEEDS MARKET

Bombay, Dec. 22.

The local seeds market was fairly steady. There was good enquiry for May groundnuts which were quoted at Rs. 79 and Castor. seeds May were done at Rs. 81-4. Linseed May was quoted at Rs. 9-15-0. Tone was steady.

Groundnuts May—			
Opening	79	0	0
Highest	79	8	0
Lowest	76	12	0
Closing	77	2	0
Castorseeds May—			
Opening	81	8	0
Highest	81	8	0
Lowest	78	4	0
Closing	78	4	0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES

Bombay, Dec. 22.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed Bales.

	3 days	This year	Last year.
Khandesh	2,064	27 376	16,159
Central India	348	10,369	6,765
Barsi and Nagar	.....	6,839	17,552
Hyderabad/Gaorani	.....	2,760	1,011
Berar	.....	45,758	47,380
Central Provinces	.....	5,973	17,703
Total Oomras	2,412	99,075	106,575
Dholeras	433	6,437	12,796
N.-W Provinces	.....	414	949
Rajputana	.....	.....	279
Sind-Punjab	7,724	159,316	141,793
Broach	.....	15 237	14,712
Coompta and Dharwar	100	51,534	5,494
Westerns-Northerns	.....	14,829	5,515
Cocoanads	.....	.....	.....
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	.....	14,240	5,397
Arr. by road to 10th Dec. 42	.....	13,500	17,500

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A detailed report of what happened at the interviews between a delegation of the Africa Shippers Association and the Hon. Mr. M. S. Aney and the Hon. Mr. N. R. Sarker, was given at a general meeting of the Association held under the Chairmanship of Mr. Dawood Haji Nasser on Tuesday evening.

The Secretary of the Association, Mr. Amritlal Kanji in the course of his report stated that they had asked the two members of the Viceroy's Council to protect the interests of the Indian traders. The decision of the East African Governments of Kenya, Uganda, Zanzibar and Tanganika would deprive the 24,000 Indian traders who had settled there of their legitimate due, and through them affect the livelihood of 2,50,000 Indians who had settled in East Africa. Under the pretext of war, others were going to reap the benefit of their labours.

The two honourable members had given the delegation a patient hearing and had expressed their full sympathy.

On a motion by Mr. Nyalchand Doshi, the meeting placed on record its thanks to the members of the Delegation and to Mr. Husseinbhoy A. Laljee in particular. Mr. Laljee was made an honorary member of the Association, the constitution of the Association having been suitably amended for that purpose.

The Half-Column
By "Dim"

I am almost certain that Frank Moraes and Bob Stimson's "Introduction to India" (Oxford University Press) will be banned by the authorities under the Defence of India Rules. Here are an Indian and an Englishman producing a book that is supposed to guide the British and American troops. In this book in a note on behaviour the authors say: "....Do not make the elementary mistake of thinking that an Indian is essentially different from yourself merely because his skin is of a different colour." Why, that's against the tradition of the Empire, the tradition of the boxwallia, the tradition of the Colonels Blimps (Indian Army Retd.). Such downright misleading of British and American troops must be stopped by Reginald Maxwell and others who have been trying to get the right approach to India instilled in the minds of the British and Americans who come here. And listen to this offensive impertinence from the authors. The authors go on to say: "....Remember that he (the Indian) was a civilised person when your (British and American) ancestors were living in caves and beating their mates with clubs...." How does that reflect on the ancestry of Mr. Churchill and President *Roosevelt!*

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Again there is a note on "Vande Mataram", which the authors say "is also widely regarded as the Indian National anthem", which is again misleading the British and American soldier who hitherto believed that "God Save The King" was the Indian Anthem. And what is in shocking bad taste is that the note on the Viceroy follows the note on "Vande Mataram"—very subtle, but obviously calculated to prejudice the British and American soldiers' minds in so far as to suggest that the Viceroy comes only after India's national anthem.

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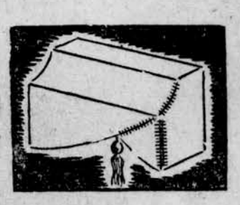

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